

Appl. No. 10/613,175
Examiner: SMOOT, STEPHEN W, Art Unit 2813
In response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2004

Date: December 21, 2004
Attorney Docket No. 10112431

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-4, and for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. Responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 14, 2004 in the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the above-identified application in the manner identified above and that the patent be granted in view of the arguments presented. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Present Status of Application

Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 1-4 are allowed. Claims 5-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 5 and 12 are objected to for informalities. Figs. 1 is objected to because the reference number 110 shown therein is not described in the specification. Fig. 2 is objected to because it is not designated with the legend --Prior Art--. The specification is objected to for informalities.

In this paper, the specification and claims are amended to correct informalities according to the suggestion of the Examiner. Replacement sheets are provided for Figs. 1 and 2, wherein reference number 110 is canceled from amended Fig. 1 and the legend --Prior Art-- is added Fig. 2. In response to the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections, claims 5 and 7 are amended as described in further detail below.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks contained below.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 5-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Namely, the office action states that the term "memory regions" in claim 5 is indefinite because it does not particularly point out if it is in reference to the previously set forth "at least one memory region" or the previously set forth "memory cells". The office action

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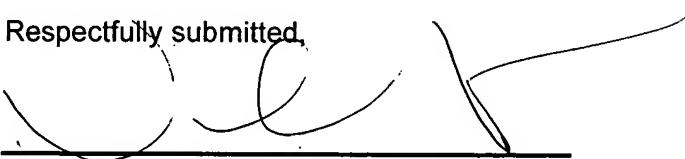
further states that "the bar-type conductive pad area" is indefinite due to lack of antecedent basis.

For the purpose of clarity, claim 5 is amended to recite "determining alignment of the deep trench capacitor and word lines in the *memory region*." Furthermore, claim 7 is amended to read "the bar-type conductive pad." Applicant submits that the rejections of claims 5-12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are thereby overcome.

Conclusion

The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests so.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached two (2) sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1 and 2. Replacement Sheet 1 replaces the original sheet for Figures 1, while Replacement Sheet 2 replaces the original sheet for Figure 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (2)